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Project Title: Arctic NWR Revised CCP/EIS

Lead Federal Agency: FWS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: ANILCA Program, (2) EPA: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released the revised draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and EIS for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in August 2011. The draft plan includes new wilderness and wild and scenic river reviews and the EIS alternatives include various recommendations for designated wilderness and wild and scenic rivers, including within the 1002 Area of the coastal plain.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK "http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm"]</p>	<p>USFWS released the Final CCP and EIS in January 2015. The FSEIS identifies Alternative E as the preferred alternative.</p>	<p>EPA rated the DEIS Lack of Objections (LO).</p>	
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Project Title: Gates of the Arctic NPP/GMP Amendment and Lake Clark NPP/GMP Amendment

Lead Federal Agency: NPS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: ANILCA Program

<p>The National Park Service is developing a General Management Plan Amendment for the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The plan amendment will recognize the ANILCA guaranteed access across the southern preserve unit to the Ambler Mining District, which is currently being evaluated by AIDA.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK "http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=30266"]</p>	<p>Draft Plan/EA expected to be released fall 2014.</p> <p>Public meetings for alternatives scheduled for October 2014 in Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Coldfoot, Anchorage and Fairbanks.</p>		
<p>The National Park Service is developing a General Management Plan Amendment for the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK "http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=36331"]</p>	<p>Draft Plan/EA comment period ended 3/26/14.</p>		

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Project Title: Chugach National Forest Plan Revision and EIS

Lead Federal Agency: USFS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sylvia Kreel, (2) FS Lead: Terri Marceron, Chugach Forest Supervisor

<p>The Chugach NF is an "early Adopter" forest revising their forest plan under the new 2012 National Planning Rule. Current Chugach Forest Plan was approved in 2002 under the 1982 National Planning Rule.</p> <p>There are three phases of the plan revision process: 1) Plan assessment, 2) Plan revision, and 3) Monitoring.</p>	<p>Forest Plan Assessment started in Oct. 2012 and will be completed in Fall 2014. The USFS anticipates identifying the Need for Change in Fall 2014 and initiating NEPA for the Plan revision by March 2015.</p> <p>The USFS held public meetings in Fall 2014.</p>		<p>OPMP provided the CNF with consolidated agency comments on information it provided the public regarding findings from the Assessment and a draft list of Potential Species of Conservation Concern.</p> <p>OPMP is considering requesting to be a Cooperating Agency in the NEPA process. The Need for Change will help inform that decision.</p>
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Project Title: Tongass National Forest Plan Revision and EIS

Lead Federal Agency: USFS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Kyle Moselle, (2) Forestry Lead: Clarence Clark, (3) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

<p>The State was a cooperating agency in the development of the 2008 amended Tongass Forest Plan. The 1982 Planning Rule requires a 5-year review be conducted. The USFS completed the review in Sept 2013. The State provided consolidated comments as part of the review process.</p> <p>The USFS announced its intention to modify the Tongass Forest Plan in Oct 2013. [HYPERLINK "http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FS_E_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5445763.pdf "]</p> <p>Jan 13, 2014, the USDA published a Notice of Intent (79 Fed. Reg. No. 8) to establish an advisory committee under FACA “to provide advice and recommendations for developing an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable forest management strategy on the Tongass National Forest with an emphasis on young growth management.”</p>	<p>Written nominations to the Tongass Advisory Committee (TAC) were due Feb 27, 2014. Estimates are that the TAC will convene late summer 2014.</p> <p>In order to stay under the 1982 Planning Rule, the USFS must initiate NEPA on the Tongass Forest Plan amendment no later than May 9, 2015, per 36 CFR 219.17.</p>	<p>EPA declined USFS's request to serve as a cooperating agency on the EIS.</p>	<p>The GO responded to Sec. Vilsack on 3/4/14 regarding the Tongass Advisory Committee. Chris Maisch and Clarence Clark were nominated to the Committee, and Kip Knudson was nominated as an alternate.</p> <p>The State Tongass Team continues to review and comment on all development activities proposed on the Tongass. Resource specialists from DFG-Habitat and DOF participated on interdisciplinary teams (IDT) with the USFS during project-level reviews in 2013. The OPMP Coordinator participates on joint-review teams (JRT) focusing on the quality of NEPA analysis and Forest Plan compliance.</p>
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Project Title: Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll, (2) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

This land use plan encompasses the Steese National Conservation Area, the White Mt. National Recreation Area, the Fortymile National Wild and Scenic River Corridor, and the public lands in the Upper Black River subunit.	<p>DEIS was published on 3/3/12.</p> <p>1/11/13 released a supplement to address hardrock mineral leasing in the White Mt. NRA.</p> <p>Public comment on the DEIS and supplement ended on 4/11/13.</p> <p>BLM published a notice regarding additional information (additional ACECs) in the Federal Register in December 2014.</p>	EPA rated the DEIS Lack of Objections (LO) and the SDEIS Environmental Concerns-Adequate Information (EC-1).	
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Project Title: East Alaska RMP/ Delta River EA amendment

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll

This land use plan amendment revises the 1983 Delta River Management Plan and includes decision for the Delta River Special Recreation Management Area.	<p>FONSI, ROD and approved plan were signed on 3/29/13.</p> <p>Federal register notice – plan takes effect.</p>		Delta River SMA - State found plan inconsistent under the Governor's consistency review and protested the plan.
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Project Title: Ring of Fire RMP/ Haines Block Supplemental EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll, (2) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

Plan considers portion of the Haines planning block and if it meets the requirements for: 1) designation as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); 2) whether to retain the Haines Block Special Recreation Management Area designation and; 3) to analyze the effects of aviation-supported guiding services.	DEIS comment period closed 3/14/13. FEIS release is anticipated for late summer 2013.	EPA rated the SDEIS Lack of Objection (LO).	.
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Project Title: Bering Sea – Western Interior RMP

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll, (2) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

This plan encompasses approx. 62 million acres, of which only 10.6 million acres constitute BLM lands.	Scoping comment period ended January 17, 2014.	EPA submitted scoping comments Jan 2014.	
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Project Title: Central Yukon RMP EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll, (2) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

This land use plan will revise and replace the Utility Corridor RMP, the Central Yukon RMP and parts of the Southwest Management Framework Plan.	Preplan was signed in April 2013. Scoping comment period ended January 17, 2014.	EPA submitted scoping comments in January, 2014.	
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Project Title: Kobuk Seward RMP/Squirrel River EA amendment

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Samantha Carroll

The EA will re-evaluate the SRMA designation, define travel management network, and make implementation level decisions on user conflicts.	Scoping Report is complete. BLM is drafting RMP amendment.		
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